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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please reject US Telecom's bid to take away access to critical unbundled network elements.
I am a consumer and small business owner who has benefited from the current competitive market environment. My internet and phone services are provided by a small, local company who was among the first to offer DSL at competitive rates and they are currently bringing gigabit fiber to our neighborhood.
Local providers are critical to a healthy, competitive market.
Less competition means price hikes and fewer choices.

Thank you for your consideration.

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